CHITALDRUG DISTRICT.

Notice, dated 13th August 1897.

It is hereby notified for general information that the exclusive privilege of collecting Tangadi (*Cassia auriculata*) bark, on all Government unoccupied lands including Amrut Mahal kavals and excluding the demarcated and settled forests of the undermentioned taluks of this district, from 1st October 1897 to the 30th of June 1898, will be sold by public auction by the Deputy Commissioner or other Officer deputed by him on the dates and at the places specified below :—

Name of taluk.	Date of sale.	Place of sale—Taluk Cutcherry at-	Remarks.
1. Jagalur	17th Sept. 1897..	Jagalur.	The sale may be held talukwar or hobliwar as may be found advantageous to the Government at the time of sale.
2. Molakalmuru	15th do ..	Molakalmuru.	

2. The auction will commence at 2 P. M. on each day of sale, and if the sale is not completed on the same day it will be continued on the next following day at the same hour.

3. The exclusive privilege above described will be disposed of to the highest bidder, subject to the confirmation of the Deputy Commissioner, who is at liberty to accept or reject the bid at his discretion. The accepted bid will represent the amount which is to be paid for the period of eight months for the above said privileges (*i. e.*, from October 1897 to the 30th June 1898).

4. Parties intending to bid must attend either in person or by duly accredited agents, and no person will be permitted to bid either on his own behalf or on account of any one else, unless he deposits a sum of Rs. 50. The deposits made by the unsuccessful bidders will be returned at the close of sale. Each successful bidder shall, at the close of the sale, credit into the Government Treasury of the taluk concerned, one-fourth of the total rental including the deposit already made. Should he fail to do so, the deposit will be forfeited and the exclusive privilege will be re-sold by the Officer conducting the sale.

5. Re-sales effected under the above para will be at the risk of the defaulting bidder, who will forfeit all gain; and in the event of a loss by the re-sale shall make good the deficiency between the total amount payable by him for the whole period under the terms of the original sale and the total amount payable by the successful bidder at the re-sale.

6. The lessee shall sign an agreement binding himself to observe the conditions below, and it should be executed within fifteen days from the date on which the confirmation of the sale may be intimated to him.

7. The balance of lease amount and the local cess at one anna in the rupee on the whole sum shall be paid in full before the end of September 1897, failing which the lessee will forfeit the one-fourth sum already credited and also his claim to the produce, and the right of collecting the same is liable to be re-sold.

Conditions.

(1) To bark all shoots, whether large or small, over one year old.

(2) To hold himself responsible to prevent the felling of tender stems by his servants or sub-contractors, that is stems under one year old.

(3) To furnish a list of sub-contractors and mestris who may be appointed by them for the collection of bark in the different working circles.

(4) The barked wood to be the property of the lessee.

(5) To keep accounts showing the quantity of the bark removed in accordance with the lease and to permit inspection of such accounts by the Deputy Commissioner or the District Forest Officer or any other Officer deputed by either of them.

(6) To provide passes for each cart-load of bark in such manner as may be laid down by the District Forest Officer.

(7) To remove out of the limits of the district before the end of June 1898, all bark cut, collected or stored in the several kotis of the district as well as railway stations.

(8) In the event of breach of any of the above conditions, the lease is liable to be cancelled, and all the bark collected and stored up to date to be confiscated.

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